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FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
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**ELECTRONIC ANIMAL DISPOSITION REPORTING SYSTEM (eADRS)
DATA ENTRY FOR THE BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY
(BSE) SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM**

I. PURPOSE

This notice informs Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) personnel that BSE sample collection information will now be entered into the eADRS. The notice also cancels the use of FSIS Form 5000-11, beginning February 1, 2005.

II. BACKGROUND

In cooperation with FSIS, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) leads an ongoing, comprehensive, interagency surveillance program for BSE. FSIS Public Health Veterinarians (PHVs) have been collecting samples from all cattle showing signs of central nervous system (CNS) disorders, as well as from the types of cattle that may be at higher risk of being infected with the agent believed to cause BSE.

As stated in FSIS Notice 28-04, and clarified in FSIS Notice 29-04, all antemortem condemned cattle at federally inspected establishments will have a portion of the brain collected by the specially trained FSIS PHV, except for (1) cattle that are 400 pounds or less (which may be referred to as "veal calves") with characteristics of immature cattle, that are condemned by the FSIS PHV but do not exhibit CNS signs, and (2) cattle condemned on ante-mortem inspection that the establishment elects to have treated pursuant to 9 CFR 309.13(b). Those notices also provide for brain collection at alternative off-site locations.

To date, inspection program personnel have recorded information about the sample collection on FSIS Form 5000-11 (BSE Sampling Tracking Sheet), which has been used to ensure that FSIS receives reimbursement from APHIS for brain sample collection.

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III. CANCELLATION OF FSIS FORM 5000-11

Beginning February 1, 2005, inspection program personnel will no longer complete or send FSIS Form 5000-11 to the Financial Processing Center (FPC). All of the information about BSE sample collection will be captured in the new version of eADRS. Inspection program personnel are expected to complete and send FSIS Form 5000-11 to the FPC through January 31, 2005.

IV. UPDATED eADRS

The eADRS application will be updated in version 1.0.4 with new data entry screens and prompts for the entry of information related to BSE sample collection, such as the "Z" tag number (the red metal condemnation tag attached to all antemortem condemned cattle). **NOTE:** The new eADRS data entry for "Z" tag numbers applies to all antemortem condemned bovines subject to BSE sample collection, regardless of where the actual sample collection occurs.

Updated User's Guide information will be provided with eADRS version 1.0.4 to aid in the proper entry of BSE sample collection data. Inspection program personnel are expected to enter information regarding BSE sample collection in addition to the information already being entered related to disposition of cattle carcasses. As stated in the eADRS User's Guide, data should be entered by one designated person on one computer for a given shift for a specific slaughter date.

Instructions on downloading the new version of eADRS (version 1.0.4) the User's Guide will be sent by a separate electronic mail message when eADRS version 1.0.4 is available for implementation.

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For assistance with the technical aspects of using eADRS on the computer, please call FAIMHELP at 1-800-473-9135.

For assistance with inspection issues related to animal disposition, humane handling reporting, or BSE sample collection, please call the Technical Service Center at 1-800-233-3935.

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